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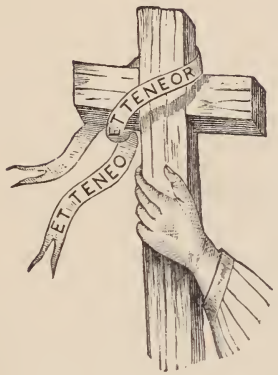

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Beyond the Seas.

HELP THE NEZ PERCES!

BY MRS. GEORGE AINSLIE.

Rochester, Minn., March 17th, 1873.

Dear Friends: I come to-day, a beggar at your door, for a gift far more precious than money, or anything that money can buy; but before preferring my request, I wish to lay before you two pictures. Will you grant me audience?

PICTURE FIRST.

In Northern Idaho, fifteen hundred miles to the northwest of my northwestern home, lies a deep sun-lighted valley. Two thousand feet the cliffs and columns tower above the

rippling Lapwai and Clearwater, that make music through its depths. It is the home of the Nez Perces, a tribe of Indians, who forty years ago sent a deputation of four men, on foot, through the unbroken wilderness, nearly two thousand miles, to St. Louis, inquiring for the "White Man's Book that told about the Great Spirit." That deputation fell into the hands of Roman Catholics, who took them to mass, and to the theatre, and sent them home no better, but worse than when they came. The Jesuits took them in hand, and for years all access of Christian teachers was denied them. More recently their home has been opened for the incoming of Protestant missionaries. The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions has a prosperous mission established there.

During the week of prayer one of its missionaries appointed a prayer-meeting to be held in one of the lodges, or skin-tents. Creeping in at the low door, three feet high by two feet wide, he awaited the coming of the audience. Presently a woman entered, *barefooted;* she had walked half a mile through the wet snow that she might have the privilege of meeting with those who worship God! Making directly for the fire that burned upon the earthen floor, she held her feet alternately to the fire until dried. Then seating herself on the skins spread for seats, she modestly drew on dry moccasins, and gave her undivided attention to the services. One hundred and twenty-five Indians gathered in that lodge for worship, exhorting, praying, singing Nez Perce hymns. At the close of the services, as they passed out, each one shook hands with the missionary, and thanked him for holding the meeting.

PICTURE SECOND.

In his low room that wearied missionary sits to write, and this is his message:

"We had promised to commence a boarding-school at Kamia this spring. For it we need a minister, a MATRON and TWO LADIES. I have written to every one I know, far and near, and not one person can I get. Edwards prefers to return to the Choctaws; Lizzie cannot leave her sister. Not one to be found. What shall we do for this poor people?"

Shall I tell you that, in order that this one wearied man might remain among them, and TRY for help, his wife, in feebleness and weakness, the weary winter through, has, alone, fifteen hundred miles from him, been fighting inch by inch for *life?* The little words, "Come to me," telegraphed to Walla Walla, would soon bring that weary missionary to her side. But she has not sent the message. She *dare not* do it. She has the Bible; the Nez Perces have not. She has Jesus; many of them have not. She will not recall him, but from her sick-room she asks you to send help to stay up the hands of those weary toilers. Help—yes, help—will you give us *two of your best beloved daughters* to aid the Kamia school? Will you give us a *matron*, to be as a mother to the Nez Perce children, who may be gathered to its teaching? Do I ask a gift more precious than anything that money can buy? I know I do; I have good reason to know, for I came from a church that TEN TIMES has given of its best and brightest to actual work in the foreign field. It is a little church in the hill country of New England. Small in numbers, small in wealth, almost any wealthy man in a large city could buy out their worldly possessions. But they have never said no to the Master when He asked for the "firstlings" of their flock. One, beautiful, intelligent, beloved, laid her young life down upon the mountains of Turkey while yet busy in her Master's work. We said we had given all we had when she went. But when the question came, "Will you give us Julia to take up Nellie's unfinished work, and carry it on to completion?" the reply from the old home church went ringing back, "We will."

Some said it was "a waste of the precious ointment," and the New York Seminary, in whose corps of teachers Julia stood so high, responded, "Julia?—never—would you take our best?" The father, whose locks are fast whitening with years, replied, "The best is none too good for the service of Jesus;" and though there were many tears, yet "his face was as the face of an angel," when he turned from the communion-table, where, in the presence of that dear old church, he

gave her a second time to the Saviour's work. In her infancy he had given her, in the covenant of baptism, to Christ; he would not refuse her to His service when, in her ripening womanhood, Christ asked of him the gift of the last darling of his flock. Three of his household had been for years in glory. Two had gone out into the world for themselves. She alone was left in the quiet home, but the parents would not refuse the precious gift to Jesus.

Again, twenty years ago, when the church was reckoning her gifts to foreign missions, a poor woman, for three years bedridden, said to them: "Friends, you have done nobly in your poverty, but *I*, too poor to give a dollar, have done more than you all; I have given MY DAUGHTER." It was true. From her own sick-room, never hoping to look upon her face again, she had sent her to the heathen because Jesus asked it. Coming from such a church, I am bold to ask others for help.

Has the Presbyterian Church a gift to Jesus for the Kamia Mission? I know that the way seems long, but Jesus keeps His people as well there as here. The climate is healthful. In its high, dry atmosphere my invalid husband is fast gaining strength. Two years hence the Northern Pacific Railroad with its rushing trains will be thundering past its gateway, thus giving means of easy access to the mission.

Who can read the above touching appeal without being stirred to the very depths of the heart by a desire to go to the relief of those lonely, weary workers for the Master? And who can read it without intensest love and admiration for the noble heroism of that feeble woman, laying self on the altar gladly, that her Saviour's work may be carried on without hindrance? Who can read it without thankfulness to God that there are such men and such women on earth to do His work?

Oh, that some, in a like spirit of consecration and self-sacrifice, may be led to say, "That missionary shall no longer toil and pray alone, far from his suffering wife. We will go

to Kamia, and take up the school in the name of the Lord Jesus, and do this work for Him."

There are many who, doing this, would realize such happiness and peace in their souls as they have never yet, in their easy, self-indulgent lives, imagined possible.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF REV. MR. AINSLIE,

dated Lapwai, Idaho, May 16th, 1873.

For our two boarding-schools, at Kamia and this place, the treaty provides salaries for two teachers and a matron for each school. The matron, having the general oversight, cannot do the kitchen work. The only help we can reach here is a Chinaman. As a principal part of the training of our Indian girls is in household work, this for them is a poor arrangement. We pay the Chinaman $35 per month in *coin*.

Now, with the assistance of the girls, any active woman would not find the work a hard service, and an earnest Christian would find in the kitchen a noble field of labor. If, therefore, you can find two women, young or old, able for this service, and *willing* in *this way to serve Christ*, and will send them to us, you will greatly aid us in our missionary work. Commissioned by you, they will not be regarded as servants, but as *co-missionaries*. The salary, $40 in currency per month, including board, will be ample for their support.

With such assistance the matron can reach the rest of the work belonging to the household. I propose to take the salary of the second teacher, and therewith support two or more primary schools in the most thickly settled neighborhoods; our boarding-schools to be filled from these, thus securing the most promising children for the higher training.

I may repeat what I mentioned in my last, that this training of the girls in the household will go farther to civilize the race than the teaching of the boys. The educated man will *allow* his wife to be still a beast of burden. But if she is prepared to be something better, and asserts, *as she will*, her right to be something better, he will submit. Thus the great point, the elevation of the women, is gained.

Our boarding-schools will not be large, rarely exceeding twenty-five scholars, and I would have at least one-half girls. Good facilities for work will be afforded. The climate I find delightful. The rumors of Indian difficulties reported through the press are without foundation.

Let me know soon if you are hopeful of meeting this request, and I will send directions as to route, &c.

CITY OF MEXICO.

Letter from Miss Ellen P. Allen.

There does not seem to be much demand for primary schools. But as a means of obtaining a hold upon that class of the population that cannot afford a full course, or indeed cannot *afford* any course, we shall, I think, find it necessary to maintain one or two. We can, probably, find the persons here who are, or who can be made competent to conduct these. At present the class of six that have come are entirely of this poorer class. One little midget comes barefooted, and not in whole clothes. She is a comical little thing, and hops down from her chair every few minutes to come and stand by me. She is bright, though neglected, and may yet make a fine scholar. She labors diligently at making the figure 2, and when she has produced a flying resemblance to it, presses up to me to know if it "is good." Having been threatened with an invasion of twenty I feared that my Spanish was unequal to the task, and so have engaged the assistance of a young lady.

As soon as we can obtain the material, we hope to go on from this beginning to the establishment of a thorough young ladies' school, according to the suggestion of the Board. Schools are needed in every village, but there are no properly equipped teachers. No Board can supply the demand. As you are yourselves experiencing, mission work here is expensive; but we can *make teachers*. It is, in my judgment, the very best investment you can make of your means, to put them into the work of raising native teachers, and sup-

porting *them* at their different posts. The mission is situated differently from most in this regard. There is material here, but it wants working up. Means for doing this are lacking. If you can supply those means, and the proper agents, you will be able to do what will otherwise be left undone, and what, if left undone, must retard the progress of the whole Protestant movement. Although it does not pertain to my department, I may say that the same thing seems to be true of the work at large. We do not so much need *men* as

GENERALS AND MONEY.

The movement, it would appear, is in the same condition as that of the Mexican army. There are plenty of men lying around loose, who could be mustered into service, and employed in putting down these habitual revolutions, but the government has not the money to feed, clothe, and arm these men, who, as a consequence, fill in their leisure by robbing stages, and support their families on the proceeds of highway stealings. The pressing, the immediate need is the money to equip and organize the material that lies at our hands. If I may be permitted an undignified comparison, the condition of things reminds me of a childish memory. When we children used to pop corn, so long as the corn was in process of heating it required only one to shake the tray, but when it was "done," and began to fly hither and yon, all hands were busy in keeping it from popping over. The Mexican churches have arrived at the "popping point." What matters it if we sometimes bump each other's heads in gathering up the contents of the overflowing tray?

Permit me to suggest that, in order effectively to carry out the idea of raising teachers, it will be very necessary to provide "scholarships." Bright girls, who cannot afford an educational course, will be thus provided for. Indeed, at present, we shall be obliged to draw mostly from the lower class for this material, as the idea of teaching, or, indeed, of doing anything, is foreign to the native Mexican mind. But to those of the lower class it would be an opportunity of bet-

tering their estate that some doubtless would be glad to embrace. At the same time, may I suggest that the establishment of an orphanage would be an extremely beneficial form of benevolence?

Our Methodist friends have this in their plans, but I think there will be work for more than one, although I would advise nothing that would clash with their interests. Perhaps it could be managed in conjunction with them.

INDIA.—Sabathu.

Letter from MRS. JANVIER.

. . . You had formed a very correct idea of our work here. We have no boarding-school, as the one in Dehra is considered at present sufficient for the Christian community in this part of India. I have proposed that the Mission Bands in connection with the Sabbath-school of Calvary Church, Philadelphia, should take the support of our girls' school into their hands. We have no Bible-woman here at present, just because it is so difficult to find a suitable person. When we have a good supply of native female helpers, whose hearts are filled with the love of Jesus, our work will not lag so much.

WORK AMONG THE LEPERS.

The poor-house here is, I think, an interesting part of the work; and, possibly you might consider it a fitting object to be taken up by one of your auxiliaries. It is under the special care of Dr. Newton, and those who are assembled there, are, with one exception, lepers. His medical treatment ameliorates their sufferings, while, at the same time, his efforts to lead them to the Great Physician have been much blessed.

Two of the lepers are women. Five of the present inmates have been baptized, and give evidence in their lives that they belong to Christ. Several have, from time to time, died in the faith. Dr. Newton has them daily at his house

that he may instruct them in the Bible and pray with them. There is a carpet spread for them in the verandah so that they may sit a little apart from others, and yet have the advantage of seeing, as well as hearing the speaker. It seems to bring us nearer to Jesus in our work when we can thus gather these outcasts around us, and as we speak to them of that love which passeth knowledge, feel that it is calling forth a response in their hearts. The bond which unites all those who love the Lord Jesus draws our hearts to them and theirs to us. I have often been struck with the way in which they manifest it.

Years ago, after my husband and I had been stationed at Ambála, and learned to know and love the lepers there, we again passed through the place, and made them a visit. They knew that we were expected, and had been saving a large and beautiful lime for us. They had not, of course, touched it, but they pointed to it and begged that we would accept it as a token of their love. That lime, given to us as it was, seemed a very precious thing.

The morning my little boy was to leave for America the lepers here all came to bid him good-by, and I think they followed him with their prayers. They take an interest in all that concerns him, and often desire that their salám should be sent to him. A dear German missionary friend of mine was stationed at a place where there was a large leper asylum. She found among its inmates a great desire to learn to read, and she endeavored to procure a teacher for them. All shrank from the task, however, for fear of contracting the disease. She therefore went daily to them, and her loving exertions were rewarded by seeing some of them brought to Jesus.

CHINA.—Tungchow.

Letter from MRS. CAPP.

There are two Baptist Churches organized here, and with our own make three congregations that gather every Sabbath in this city for the worship of the one true God. Mr.

Crawford (of the Southern Baptist Mission) last summer, completed a very neat church, so that we have two *real* churches. Ours is called the "Jesus Temple," and Mr. Crawford's the "Holy Church Temple."

Some friends in Buffalo, New York, presented the Tungchow Church with a *very* sweet-toned cabinet organ; other friends in Albany gave us a good bell, which can be heard all over the city, and everybody has learned that when that bell rings, it says, "This is resting day," or "worship day;" and who knows how much good it may do in this way? It seems to me it must make people think sometimes that there must be something in this doctrine that these foreigners are so constantly preaching about.

Mr. and Mrs. Mateer have the largest school in the city. There are from twenty-five to thirty boys in connection with it all the time. These boys are all boarded, and about half of them clothed at the expense of the mission. The superintending of so many boys, and teaching them, is as much as one lady can do.

I have been connected with this school ever since coming to China, until two months ago. Then we moved into our own house, and this burden all falls upon my sister, Mrs. Mateer.

THREE GIRLS.

I have now three girls under my care, one of whom was given to me by her mother just before her death. Her mother was a Christian whom we all esteemed very highly, but her father was, and is yet, a heathen; a very worthless one, too, and very poor, or he never would have allowed us to have the little girl: as it was, he was only too glad to get rid of her.

This girl is a very bright little thing, about seven years of age, and I fear she is in danger of being spoiled, as she is constantly told, in spite of all we can do to prevent it, that she is pretty and smart. She is supported by a dear friend of mine, a Methodist lady, living in Ohio.

Another girl, eleven years of age, has been with Mrs. Holmes for a year because we could not accommodate her. She is from Sichon-foo, about eighty miles distant from here. She is a good deal of a "tomboy," but good-hearted and willing to study. There is some doubt as to whether she will remain, as her grandmother who has the charge of her has been persecuted not a little by her neighbors for taking the girl so far from home and "selling" her to the foreigners.

This Mission took the stand more than two years ago that there should be no more mission money spent upon girls (for clothing them) who would not unbind their feet, except in very rare cases. This girl's friends are very poor and cannot well afford to clothe her, still they are unwilling to unbind her feet, lest she should not be able to get a "mother-in-law," which is a desideratum with Chinese girls. As she is not bright enough to come under the head of the exception, I am afraid we shall lose her.

The clothing is really a small matter, as it does not exceed $8 a year to dress one girl very respectably, but it is the principle that we are fighting. While it is a small matter with us, comparatively, it is not so with the majority of these people: and some are even willing to unbind the feet for the sake of having their girls clothed.

My third pupil is about seventeen; a studious, bright, promising girl, who came with us all the way from Pingtu (a distance of over one hundred and thirty miles) last spring.

Her father, mother, brother and his wife, are all Christians, and are anxious that she should fit herself for a teacher. This is also her desire, and, as I trust she is a sincere Christian, I hope she will be very useful, either as a teacher or as a wife and mother. It is this that I have in mind while teaching her, and for this I pray. She was baptized two weeks ago. Her examination was very satisfactory. She says that from the time she first heard our doctrine, she believed it, and wanted to be saved. She is very studious, and loves to learn.

Her expenses, including everything for one year, are about

$40, as near as I can now estimate it. I hope we shall be able to add a few more girls before long; but such as we want are hard to obtain, as there is in this region so strong a prejudice against female education, and so much persecution of those who are in favor of it. I do not desire though to have a large school on my hands, as my preference is to work among the women, going from house to house, and when health will permit, taking trips into the country: not that this is more profitable, for both kinds of work are *much* needed; but I think, perhaps, I am better fitted for this than for managing schools, especially boarding-schools. We are hoping that two or more young ladies will be sent out to us before long, and that one of them at least will want to take charge of a large boarding-school for girls, and carry it on successfully.

As your Society speaks of desiring to support a school under my superintendence, I will try, after the New Year's feasting is over, to start a school in this neighborhood. There is quite a number of young girls very close around us whom I would dearly love to bring under my influence, and, if possible, to gather them into a school if I knew how to manage it; but these people are very suspicious. If they do not themselves think we have some designs upon their girls, there are bad people always ready to put mischief into their heads. I am very much rejoiced that the people in this neighborhood are so friendly. Few of them have come to see me as yet; but whenever I have seen them they have been friendly, and all say that in the "first month, when everybody plays, they are coming to see me."

Please give my love to all the dear ladies of your Society. I love to think so many Christian sisters are praying for me, while I remember it *increases* my responsibility. Please do pray that I may have health and strength and grace to be constantly employed in this good work, and that God's spirit may attend our labors, without which it will be all in vain.

At Home.

OUR THIRD ANNIVERSARY DAY.

The last Thursday in April is the crowning day of the year for our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This year it was pre-eminently a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing. Not only was a record closed, but a pledge redeemed. The promised $50,000, the result of so much love and prayer, service and sacrifice, had all—and more—been paid into the treasury. Surely there was reason to thank God for His great goodness unto us. There was cause for a firmer, humbler trust in Him than we had ever felt before.

$51,226! And this sum stands merely as an exponent of the year's work. In different parts of the land are new auxiliaries, bands, and circles, the formation and growth of which tell us of many consecrated lives added to our sisterhood of workers for Jesus. Our little magazine bears the missionary tidings direct to over 7000 subscribers, more than twice the number on its list a year previous. A decided advance has been made by the women of our church; they have been greatly blessed in this one year's labor.

Then for the foreign field; noble women are at the front, whom we love, for whom we pray; what courage and success have been theirs! And tenderly do our hearts go out to those just sent to aid them. While we laid our various gifts upon God's altar last year, there were those who brought for His service abroad, the costliest offering possible—*themselves.* There were heroic mothers who faltered not when Jesus asked the choicest of their daughters for the remote parts of His great vineyard. Ah, there is a record up above which contains far more than the bare fact and cold figures of our earthly computation; this will be read by and by. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Our Anniversary Day was a day of pleasant greeting.

Ladies representing more than thirty auxiliaries were present, besides those from other organizations. We were cheered and strengthened by thus meeting these co-workers, and taking sweet counsel with them. We missed the face of our beloved Foreign Secretary, Mrs. Grier, who was absent on account of illness. No one person had labored or prayed for the fulfilment of the promise given, more earnestly than she, nor had more implicit faith in its accomplishment.

Mrs. Van Lennep, of Turkey, and Mrs. Arthur Folsom, of China, were with us. Their true, living pictures of heathen woman, as their own eyes had seen her, could not fail to touch the heart of their hearers.

For the ensuing year were elected the following

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MISSIONARY MEETINGS IN BALTIMORE.

The first of this series of meetings, held during the session of the General Assembly, in connection with Woman's Work, occurred on Sabbath evening, May 19th, in the Central Church. As previously announced, this meeting was held "under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions, in behalf of Woman's Work in Missions." The large church was well filled, notwithstanding the attractions of eloquent preachers from the Assembly in nearly all the city pulpits. Rev. Dr. Smith presided, and Dr. Ellinwood, Dr. Herrick Johnson, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Edward Chester, of India, made earnest and spirited addresses.

On Monday afternoon was held, in Brown Memorial Church, a *woman's* meeting. Those whose privilege it was to be present had but one regret—*i. e.*, that all our dear Presbyterian women in whose hearts glows so brightly the flame of love for missions, could not be there. Mrs. E. P. S. Jones, of Baltimore, "an elect lady," loved and honored in many churches, presided. Mrs. R. T. Haines, of Elizabeth, opened the exercises with prayer. Ladies were present from various societies in all parts of the country, among whom were Mrs. J. C. Hoge, of Chicago; Mrs. Dr. Ely, of Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Brownell, of Detroit; Mrs. Dr. Duffield, of Saginaw; Mrs. William E. Dodge, of New York; Mrs. R. T. Haines, of Elizabeth; Mrs. Schenck, Mrs. McCord, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Humphrey, Miss Steever, and Mrs. Allen, of Philadelphia. The attendance was so large that many ladies were unable to obtain entrance into the crowded room. Some of the *brethren* also, to our surprise, sought admission, which we were obliged to deny them.

Reports were given of the work of the past year by Mrs. J. C. Hoge, President of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Northwest, and Mrs. S. C. Perkins, Foreign Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The substantial facts presented by these re-

ports were deeply interesting and encouraging; but after them came the richest viands of the feast—the sweet, womanly, soul-stirring addresses of Mrs. Van Lennep and Mrs. Rhea. Did not the fixed attention, the earnest gaze, the oft-starting tear testify that "our hearts burned within us while they talked with us by the way?" Though the Lord of the vineyard has, in His mysterious providence, recalled these dear sisters from their beloved work among the women of Turkey and Persia, He seems to have made them His chosen messengers to arouse the consciences and awaken the dormant energies of Christian women at home. Can any one say that this is the less important work?

Too quickly the hours sped on, and yet "the half had not been told." Another meeting was therefore appointed for Wednesday. A subscription was opened at this meeting for the Sidon school, the result of which has not yet reached us.

The elements, on Wednesday, were not propitious; the rain poured in torrents, and seemed to possess a peculiarly *drenching* quality, as some of us can testify. But we were comforted by the thought expressed by one of the speakers, that "the God of *missions* is also the God of *storms*," and *He knew best.* The little circle of Christian women who gathered close together that day while the storm raged without, will never forget the earnest, tender words of Mrs. Rhea and Miss Nassau. The results of that little meeting will doubtless reach into eternity.

In addition to these public meetings, more private conferences were held by the ladies representing the societies of the Northwest and Philadelphia. In this pleasant sisterly intercourse, we were drawn so near together that we felt we could "see eye to eye," and realize that our work is one, though we labor in different parts of the vineyard.

Mention should be made also of a pleasant reception given by Mrs. D. C. Marquis, at her residence, to the missionaries and visiting ladies.

We have not space to say more about this season of delightful Christian fellowship. There seems still to linger

about us the atmosphere which we breathed as we stood on that Mount of Privilege. May we take hence to our widely separated homes and work, clearer views of duty to our Lord, more enthusiastic devotion to His cause, more self-consecration and reliance upon His Spirit, which shall testify, during all the coming year, that "*it was good to be there.*"

The hymn below, written for the occasion, gives poetic expression to the spirit which seemed to animate every heart.

THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD FOR JESUS.

Tune—WEBB.

BY K. H. J.

The whole wide world for Jesus!
Once more before we part,
Ring out the joyful watchword
From every grateful heart.
The whole wide world for Jesus!
Be this our battle-cry,
The lifted cross our oriflamme,
A sign to conquer by!

The whole wide world for Jesus!
From out the Golden Gate,
Through all Pacific's sunny isles
To China's princely state;
From India's vales and mountains,
Through Persia's land of bloom,
To storied Palestina
And Afric's desert gloom;

The whole wide world for Jesus,
Through all its fragrant zones!
Ring out again the watchword
In loftiest, gladdest tones.
The whole wide world for Jesus!
We'll wing the song with prayer,
And link the prayer with labor,
Till Christ His crown shall wear.

SPECIAL OBJECTS.

We have always, since our organization as a Society, encouraged the taking of special objects of interest and labor on the part of auxiliaries, bands, &c. And the readiness among grown people as well as children, to adopt this plan, shows that the benefit of it is realized by them.

If our readers will look at our Third Annual Report (and we trust there will be at least *one* copy in every auxiliary and band), pp. 132–137 inclusive, they will see to what a large extent this plan has been followed. They will also understand if they look at the matter, that this work has grown very rapidly and with increasingly heavy responsibility upon the officers and managers of the Society. It is only necessary to look over the list just referred to, and to remember that the Society is not yet three years old, to realize this.

We desire and we *intend* to satisfy every auxiliary and band that wishes for a special object for its efforts and its sympathies in this direction. We have, to this end, written to all our missionaries for detailed information of the work under their care, and we will try to give to all our fellow-workers just what they ask for, so far as possible, when this information is received.

If any have hitherto been disappointed in this respect, we beg them to exercise the virtue of *patience* a little longer, and in the meantime to believe that we are doing our best to satisfy them fully.

OUR BUILDING ENTERPRISES.

We are glad to be able to say that the sum needed for the new school building at Sidon is very nearly received by our Treasurer, and the building probably already under way.

And now we are about to present another object for the contributions, the sympathies, and the prayers of our co-workers. A school building, also to be used as a chapel, is sorely needed in the city of Mexico by our missionaries. An old convent can probably be bought, and fitted up for this purpose for

about $8000, and this sum we have agreed to furnish. We have never appealed in vain for funds needed to carry forward any enterprise which God has seemed to set before us, and we have no fear that we shall do so now. We shall publish a circular giving more detailed information regarding this object as soon as such information is received.

BRAZIL.

Dear friends, we come to you with an appeal for Brazil. Not so much for money, though that is greatly needed, for the Brazilian Mission is one of the most expensive of all our missions; but this special appeal is for actual, personal work, for some one to go to Brazil to share the labors of Miss Dascombe, our only missionary in that field. The Board in New York has some missionaries there, but they are in the proportion of only one to a million of people. Imagine such a condition of things in our own country, and we should have from Maine to Mexico, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, *about forty ministers!* Would not the faith of God's most trusting children be sorely tried at such an outlook? And yet that is just the condition of poor, priest-ridden, degraded Brazil, a country which occupies the same position in South America that the United States holds in North America—the chief place on the continent. It has a nominal Christianity, in that it is claimed by the Romish Church, but in no country, unless it be in Spain, has Romanism more corrupted and degraded its votaries, bringing forth its legitimate fruits, so that these people actually bow down to and worship images of wood and clay as much as any wretched idolater in all heathendom. But even there, God has already a chosen few, and the way is clear and the gates open to the entrance of a pure Gospel, had we only some one to send.

A little congregation in the interior has assembled every Sabbath for three years, to ask God to send them some one to teach them more perfectly the way of life. Miss Dascombe is laboring most efficiently and indefatigably at Brotas, but her

need of fellow-workers is most imperative. Since Mr. and Mrs. Lennington returned to this country she has no one within two hundred miles with whom she can take counsel or have companionship. Yet she bravely holds to her work, consecrated to it with her whole heart. Is there not some one who will go to her? It is greatly necessary and desirable that *two* ladies go out immediately, and we earnestly appeal to all our readers to consider the matter personally. If you cannot go yourself, do you know of some one who can, and will you aid such a one with your money and your prayers?

"CONTINUE IN PRAYER."

BY MISS H. NOYES.

I doubt if you can realize as we do here how utterly in vain is our labor without the blessing of God which cometh down in answer to prayer, or if you appreciate as fully that prayer offered in America may be just as effectual for the conversion of souls in Canton as the daily teachings of those who are here in the field. We often say, and oftener think, that in the tokens of success and encouragement which we sometimes find in our pathway, we can read the answers to prayers offered up by those working for missions in America. Daily, hourly almost, our thoughts turn lovingly and gratefully to those who are praying for us at home.

We think that there has been more to encourage us in our work of late, and sometimes it seems as though we can see the "little cloud no larger than a man's hand," the indication of a coming shower.

This feeling appears to be general among the missionaries here; and some who have visited us recently, from other and more fruitful mission fields, have noted it. They have told us that to them the indications seemed to be that the harvest time is at hand. We hope and pray that it may be so. *Very much* seed has been sown here in the years past, and though we sadly remember that it has been sown in weakness, and that we have often, so often, failed in earnestness and faithfulness,

yet much of the seed must have fallen upon good ground. We long to see the harvest, and to see it *now*.

CANTON, CHINA.

LABORERS TOGETHER.

BY MRS. S. D. CONDIT.

"We are laborers together with God."

Friends of God! Be up and working,
In the light!
Plant the seeds of love and duty
With thy might.
God of Heaven! Aid and bless them
In the right!
Give *reward* for earnest toil;
Give them victory after spoil;
Give them hope to pierce the vail;
Give them faith that cannot fail;
Give a love which changes not;
Give a zeal with knowledge fraught;
Father, Son and Spirit, bless them
In the right.

Friends of God! The world is waiting
For the seed!
Lo! within each dreary desert,
Great's the need!
God of Promise! Aid and bless them,
While they sow!
Give rich harvest for the toil;
Bless the seed, and bless the soil;
Pour Thy sunshine on the ground;
Everywhere may showers abound;
Call the laborer; give the field;
Count the sheaves, and own the yield;
Father, Son, and Spirit, bless them
In the work.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

BOUNDARY LINE ESTABLISHED.

The following resolution was passed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Philadelphia at a recent meeting of the Board of Managers:

Resolved, That we regard the States forming what is usually known as the Northwest, exclusive, however, of Ohio, and inclusive of Michigan, as belonging to the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions at Chicago. We do not wish to disturb any *existing relations*, but would recommend to auxiliaries or bands, hereafter to be formed, that they connect themselves with the Society to which they geographically belong, unless some special tie of association or interest lead them to prefer another connection, in which case they will be cordially received by the Society of their choice.

ERRATUM.

Our Home in Mynpurie, built by the Presbyterian women of Pittsburg and Allegheny, should have been mentioned in our Annual Report as the Louisa Lowrie Home. We regret the mistake, but it will be remembered that, owing to the illness of the Foreign Secretary, the report was prepared by one who was not entirely conversant with the details of our work on foreign ground.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

AUXILIARIES.

Ashtabula, Ohio.
North Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
Kirkpatrick Memorial Aux., Ringoes, N. J.
Boundbrook, N. J.
Youngstown, Ohio.
Mount Pleasant, Iowa.
Warren, Ohio.
Collamer, Ohio.
E. J. Richards Miss. Soc., Reading, Pa.
Rome, Ohio.
Orwell, Ohio.
Central Church, Chambersburg, Pa.
Windsor, N. Y.
East Groveland, N. Y.
Strongsville, Ohio.

BANDS.

Maria Grier Band, Roseville Church, Newark, N. J.
West Pres. Ch. Band, Bridgeton, N. J.
Merry Workers, Blairsville, N. J.
Mission Band Fem. Sem., Steubenville, Ohio.
Mission Band, Roseville, Ohio.
Little Women, Second Ch., Indianapolis, Ind.
Mispah Band, Deposit, N. Y.
Mountain Sem. Band, Birmingham, Pa.
Sabbath-school Band, Reading, Pa

The Watchers, First Ch., Allegheny, Pa.
Sabbath-school Mission Band, Second Church, Meadville, Pa.
Sabbath-school Band, New Albany, Ind.
Everett Band, Phelps, N. Y.
Little by Little Band, Grand Haven, Mich.
Mary Smith Band, Dansville, N. Y.
Humming Bird Band, " "
Diligent Workers, Dansville, N. Y.
Mission Band, Sweden, N. Y.
Mission Circle, " "
Mission Workers, " "
Sabbath-school Infant Class Band, New Albany, Indiana.
Mission Circle, Stockton, N. J.
Workers for Jesus, First Ch., Titusville, Pa.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Miss Pamelia A. Graves,
Miss Julia T. Smith,
Miss Helen J. Kittle,
Mrs. Pliny S. Moore,
Mrs. Ruth M. Hubbell,
Mrs Eliza H. McGee,
Mrs. Wolcott Spencer,
Edward W. Barnes, Esq ,
Miss Olivia Seamen,
Miss Virginia Griffith.
Rev. E. R Beadle, D.D.,
Mrs. M. Beadle,
Mrs. Rev. W. Greenough,
Mrs. Rev. G. F Wiswell,
Rev. John C. Bliss,
Rev. George Robinson,
Mrs. George Robinson,
B. T. Jones, Esq ,
Mrs. B. T. Jones,
Mrs. Mary J. Waddell,
Charles C. Aitken, Esq.,
Mrs. Rev. W. J. McKnight,
Miss Julia Hinkel,
Mrs. Jane C. Mackelduff,
Mrs. Anna M. Brinsmade,
Mrs. R. T. Haines,
Rev. Henry L. Bunstein,
Mrs. Ella H. Bunstein,
Mrs. Rev. James A. Skinner,
Miss Charlotte E. Skinner,
Mrs. Henry T. Rose,
Miss Almira Grey.
Mrs. R M. Wylie,
Rev. H. V. Noyes.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church from April 7th, 1873.

"S. B.," Phila., . . .	$1 00
Springfield Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building. . .	52 00
First Ch., Newark, N. J., Aux. Soc., ...	132 00
First Ch., Jersey City, N. J., Zenana Soc., Sidon Building,	75 00
Findley Ch , Ohio, "Light Bearers," Sidon Bdg., $6; Mrs. Henry Byre, $5; Little Circle of Lilies, $3, . .	14 00
Woodland Ch., Phila., From —— for native teacher, Beirut Fem. Sem., $105; From "S," for Sidon Bdg., $50, .	155 00
Tenth Ch., Phila., by a member, for Sidon Building, .	10 00
Bethany Ch., Phila., "Infant Room," for sup. girl in India,	50 00
Dansville Ch., N. Y , Aux. Soc , Sidon Building, . .	51 10
Johnstown Ch., Pa., Aux Soc.,	25 00
Mount Pleasant Ch., Ohio, by Mrs. Eliza H. McGee. .	25 00
Mrs A. T. Maclintock, Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sidon Building,	5 00
Mansfield Ch., Ohio, S. S., for cabinet organ for Miss Noyes' School, Canton, China, .	$25 00
Troy Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc., support Warnetta, Africa, .	60 00
First Ch., Norristown, Pa., Aux. Soc., support Miss Craig, India, . . .	472 00
Mrs. Pliny S. Moore, Champlain, N. Y., for zenana work,	25 00
Mrs. Ruth M. Hubbell, Champlain, N. Y., for zenana work,	25 00
Chatham Ch.. N. J.. Aux. Soc., support two children in Mrs. Walsh's School, .	50 00
Central Ch., Geneseo, N. Y., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, .	56 57
Third Ch., Cincinnati, Ohio, a few ladies, $25; Miss Harkins's S. S. Class to sup. girl in Mrs Crossette's Sch., $15,	40 00
Mrs. R. Hubbell Phelps, N. Y., Sidon Building. . . .	5 00
Seventh Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., $76; Bible-class Band, $7.21; Mite Boxes, $15; In-	

fant Class, $6; C. H., $10; "M. C. S.," $25; Sundries, $26.15, ... $165 36
Mrs. Herrick Johnson, Phila., Sidon Building, . . . 5 00
From "C," 1 00
Cohocksink Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . 300 00
William Hogg, support native teacher, ... 75 00
Third Ch., Trenton, N. J., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, 100 00
Market Square Ch., Germantown, Phila., Aux. Soc., . 28 44
Salem Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . . 15 00
Concord Ch., Demos, Ohio, Aux. Soc., ... 40 00
Second Ch., Wheeling, W. Va., John Moffat Band, support Punditain, ... 50 00
First Ch., Steubenville, Ohio, Aux. Soc., *special* for Mrs. A. P. Happer, China, . . 40 18
Old Pine Street Ch., Phila., "Helping Hands," bal. for sup. of girl in Africa, . . 5 00
Jeffersonville Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. child in Dehra, . 59 00
Pana Ch., Ill., Aux. Soc., . 23 00
Shelby Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc., support Bible-reader under Miss Noyes, . . . 60 00
Chestnut Hill Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., additional, . . 13 00
First Ch., Pittsburg, Sabbath-school, Sidon Building, . 200 00
Girard Ch., Pa., Aux Soc., Woodstock, . . . 20 00
First Ch., Kensington, Phila., Johnstone Mission Band, Sidon Building, . . . 160 00
Mrs. Mary A. Flavel, Astoria, Oregon, ... 7 00
First Ch., Poughkeepsie, N.Y., "Cheerful Givers," proceeds of fair to support two girls in Persia, ... 75 00
Leetsdale Ch., Pa., Mission Band, $28.50; Hattie P. Wilson, $1, ... 29 50
"W," Chambersburg, Pa., Sidon Building, . . . 2 00
Woman's Union Miss. Soc., Hudson, Ohio, . . . 5 25
Fairview Ch., Ind., Aux. Soc., 10 00
Mrs. Mary Vance, Steubenville, Ohio, Sidon Building, 2 00
Perth Amboy Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . 112 00
Noblesville Ch., Ind., Aux. Soc., $5 00
"Benita," Lawrenceville, N. J., Sidon Building, . . 5 00
Basking Ridge Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . 25 00
Metuchin Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . 56 25
Seville Ch., Ohio, Aux Soc., for organ for Miss Noyes, . 30 00
Mrs. Emily Ewing, Phila., organ, Miss Noyes, . . 5 00
Westminster Ch., Elizabeth, N. J., by Miss J. G. Kittle, Sidon Building, . . . 10 00
Miss Sarah McPherson, Gettysburg, Pa., Sidon Building, . 20 00
Gould & Fischer, Phila., for organ, Miss Noyes, . . 37 00
Wilkinsburg Ch., Pittsburg, Aux. Soc., Mexican Miss., . 44 00
Central Ch., Baltimore, Aux. Soc., $117; Sabbath-school, $45, support of Miss Thiedi, 162 00
Livermore Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. teacher in Syria, . 56 25
Savannah Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc., support scholar in Japan, under Miss Parke, . 40 00
"A Friend," Mifflintown, Pa., Sidon Building. . . . 10 00
Children of Rev. W. E. Moore, Columbus, Ohio, Birthday Memorial Offering, . . 10 00
Miss Josephine O. Brewster, East Orange, N. J., Sidon Building, ... 5 00
Miss L. F. Brewster, East Orange, N. J., Sidon Bdg., 5 00
Miss Mary Cowell, Cambridge, Pa., Sidon Building, . . 5 00
Miss Gormley, Kensington Ch., Phila., Sidon Building, . 7 00
Mrs. Richardson, Freehold, N. J., Sidon Building, . 5 00
"A Lady," Freehold, N. J., Sidon Building, . . . 5 00
Miss B. A. Eddy, Lansingburg, N. Y., Sidon Bdg., . 2 00
Blairstown Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., add'l for Miss. in Persia, ... 3 00
Woodland Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., support Miss Nassau, . 99 00
Hanover Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., Canton Mission, . . . 33 00
Saltsburgh Ch., Pa., Infant Class in S. S, "Little Sunbeams," Woodstock, . . 6 00
Mrs. S. M. Byington, Belpre, Ohio, Sidon Building, . 10 00

Salem Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . . $19 25
Williamsport Ch., Md., Aux. Soc., support girl under care Mrs. Capp, ... 29 50
First Ch., Rahway, N. J., Aux. Soc., ... 150 00
Central Ch., Summit, N. J., Aux. Soc., to sup. "Duzy," in Miss Walsh's School, . 10 00
Clinton St. Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . 225 17
Calvary Ch., Phila., Memorial Miss. Soc., additional, . 9 00
Old Pine St. Ch., Phila., Infant Class "Buds of Promise," for Sidon Building, . 25 00
Morristown Ch., N. Y., Dorcas Sewing Society, . . . 5 00
Park Central Ch., Syracuse, N. Y., Aux. Soc., support Mrs. Loomis, Japan, . . 89 90
New Albany Ch., Ind., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Carrothers, Japan, ... 180 00
Portsmouth Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Dodd, China, 300 00
New York Av., Washington, D. C., Aux. Soc., . . 200 00
Metropolitan Ch., Washington, D. C., "Band of Faith," for zenana work, . . . 34 00
Matawan Ch., N.J., Aux. Soc., 68 65
First Ch., Orange, N. J., Aux. Soc., for outfit of Miss Crouch, ... 300 00
Lawrenceville Ch., Pittsburg, "White Flag Band," of S. S., sup. boys' sch., Tungchow, ... 10 54
Bloomfield Ch., Pittsburg, Aux. Soc., Mynpurie, . . 8 00
First Ch., East Liberty, Pittsburg, Young Ladies' Miss. Soc., support Mrs. Barker, . 115 50
Central Ch., Pittsburg, Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Tracy, $100; support orphans, Mynpurie, $30, ... 130 00
First Ch., Newcastle, Pa., Aux. Soc, Mynpurie, . . 26 00
Second Church, Phila., Ladies of church for Sidon Bdg., . 50 00
Woodbridge Ch, N. J., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . 58 11
Cohocksink Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . 29 35
Green Hill Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . 25 00
Plainfield, N. J., Aux., sup. Mrs. Kellogg, $138 56; purchase a horse for Mrs. Kellogg, $176, ... $314 56
North East Ch., Pa., Sabbath-school, Sidon Building, . 11 40
Miss L. G. Dickson, Ivy Hall, Bridgeton, N. J., Sidon Bdg., 10 00
First Ch., Bloomfield, N. J., Aux. Soc., outfit for Miss Mattie Noyes, . . . 100 00
Waynesburg Ch., O., Aux. Soc., 10 00
Mrs. S. E. Morrison, Cochransville, Pa., Sidon Building, . 5 00
Ellicott City Ch., Md., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . 30 00
South Park Ch., Newark, N.J., by Mrs. Rev. Dr. Wilson, for organ, Miss Noyes, . 50 00
Stillwater Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., ... 15 00
Chestnut Hill Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., sup. Luceya Zazoor, . 100 00
Tabernacle Ch., Phila., "X. Y. Z.," Sidon Building, . 25 00
"S.," Phila., for Mexican Mission, ... 25 00
"Augusta," Sidon Building, . 5 00
Lawrenceville Ch., N.J., "Gosman Mission Band," . . 9 00
First Ch., Cleveland, O., "Little Rill Band of S. S.," . 22 00
Master Joseph A. McCord, Pittsburg, Woodstock, . 5 00
Central Ch., Wilmington, Del., "Taylor Mission Band," for Sidon Building, . . . 40 00
Calvary Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., Mrs. John A. Brown for Sidon Building, . . . 100 00
Mrs. Mary A. Lapsley, New Albany, Ind., Sidon Bdg., . 400 00
West Alexander Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . 75 00
Titusville Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . . 50 00
Mrs. T. S. Lewis, Rochester, N. Y., Sidon Building, . 5 00
Marion Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., . 20 00
Miss Mattie Gormley, Phila., Sidon Building, . . . 2 00
Miss Emily L. Austin, Knoxville, Tenn., . . . 1 50
Wyandot Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . . 10 00
Mrs. S. C. Logan, Scranton, Pa., Sidon Building, . . 5 00
Lancaster Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . . 50 00
Dayton Ch., Ind., Mrs. C. B. C.'s S. S. class, Sidon Bdg, . 2 00

Milford Centre Ch., O., Ladies of church, Sidon Building, . $10 00
First Ch., Belvidere, N. J., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . 11 50
Pioneer Band, . . . 14 50
"R.," Bridgehampton, N. Y., Sidon Building, . . . 2 00
Cross Creek Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., part sup. Mrs. Easton, 67 00
Monongahela City Ch., Pa., S. S., one-half year's sup. of Kason in Dehra School, . 30 00
Mrs. Eliza Hills, Windham, N. H., ... 5 00
First Ch , Youngstown, Ohio, Aux. Soc.. 1st quarter pay't, 25 20
Frederickstown Ch., O., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . 46 29
Wilkesbarre Ch., Pa., "Mrs. Loop's Miss. Band," support child, Miss Wilder's School, Kolapoor, ... 36 00
Miss C. A. Torry, Honesdale, Pa., Sidon Building, . . 10 00
Mrs. Andrew Thompson, Honesdale, Pa., Sidon Building, . 5 00
Mendham Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., sup. school at Khiyam, Syria, $20; Sabbath-school for Woodstock, $15, . . 35 00
First Ch., Williamsport, Pa., Aux. Soc., ... 71 75
Leetonia Ch., O., Aux. Soc., . 28 00
Second Ch., Steubenville, O, Aux. Soc., ... 28 00
Fourth St. Ch., Marietta, Ohio, Aux. Soc., support Bible-woman in Persia, . . 25 00
Ladies Foreign Miss. Assoc., Elizabeth, N. J., support Mrs Hutchinson, Mexico, . 140 52
Bloomingburg Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc., add'l, Woodstock, . 8 00
Fourth Ch., Trenton, N. J., Aux. Soc., support Mrs. Holcomb, ... 117 00
Blairsville Ch., Pa., "Merry Workers," Sidon Building, 50 00
Mount Pleasant Ch., Iowa, Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . 16 00
Columbia Ch., Pa., S. S. class to educate scholar in India, 30 00
Woodsfield Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc., Woodstock, . . 26 00
Cedarville Chs., N. J., Aux. Soc., ... 18 50
Centre Ch., Stewartstown, Pa., Sabbath-school, Sidon Bdg., 21 00
North Ch., Phila., S. S. No. 2, sup. Sarah Domingo, Dehra, 22 50
Tabernacle Ch., Phila., Miss Martha Earl's class, Sidon Building, ... $2 75
Mrs. P. D. Brown, Montreal, Canada, Sidon Building, . 10 00
Mrs. E. K. Green, Montreal, Canada, Sidon Building, . 25 00
Tenafly Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., quarterly payment support Sophia Baharsa, . . . 25 00
Mrs. Mary Reed, Union City, Pa., Sidon Building, . . 4 00
Mrs. T. R. Townsend, Meridian, N. Y., ... 9 50
From Little Anna (dec'd), for Dora's slippers, . . . 5 00
Miss E. T. Noble, Malden-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., . . 7 00
Warren Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . . 25 00
Woodbury Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., ... 12 00
Mrs. F. A. Commerford, Valparaiso, Ind., Sidon Bdg., . 1 00
Hillsdale Ch., Mich., Aux. Soc., support Judith, . . . 25 00
First Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., 49 32
From ——, for Sidon Bdg., . 3 00
Mrs. A. R. Swett, Phila., "Mite Box," Sidon Bdg., . 5 00
Chestnut Hill Ch., Phila., by six ladies, Sidon Building, . 28 00
Mrs. A. P. Waterbury, Kingsport, E. Tenn., Sidon Bdg., 10 00
Avondale Ch., Cincinnati, O., Sidon Building, . . . 30 00
North Ch., Phila., B. L. Agnew Band, Sidon Building, 25 00
Mrs. Jane C. Mackelduff, Brandywine Manor, Pa., Sidon Building, . . . 25 00
Princeton Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Whipple, . 31 75
Arch St. Ch., Phila., Aux. Soc., sup. Miss Walsh, *gold*, . 100 00
First Ch., Madison, Ind., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building, . . 60 00
Caledonia Ch., N. Y., Aux. Soc., support girl in Orphanage, India, ... 30 00
Upper Octorara Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. Wherry, . 100 00
Second Church, Meadville, Pa., Aux. Soc., $28; Sabbath-school, Sidon Building, $15, 43 00
Mrs. McInnis, Phila., . . 1 00
"A Friend," Chester Co., Pa., for Mexico, ... 50 00
From ——, Frankfort, Ky., Sidon Building, . . . 1 00

Miss Anna H. Fairlamb, Phila., Sidon Building,	$6 00
"A Friend," Chester, Pa., Sidon Building,	5 00
Carbondale Ch., Pa., S. S., Earnest Workers, Sidon Building,	5 50
Wickliffe Ch., Newark, N. J., Aux. Soc.,	100 00
Mrs. David McCormick, Sidon Building,	5 00
Mrs. Rogers Birnie, Taneytown, Md., Sidon Building,	5 00
Towanda Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Mrs. De Heer, Africa,	100 00
Jackson Ch., Wayne Co., O., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building,	40 00
"A. P.," Sidon Building,	100 00
Roseville Ch., Newark, N. J., Aux. Soc., by Mrs. A. M. Brinsmade, support Mrs. Fanny Newton,	25 00
Mrs. Julia Peabody, Vernon, Ind., Sidon Building,	5 00
Mrs. J. H. Dulles, Phila., Sidon Building,	5 00
Reeseville Ch., Pa., Sunlight Band, one-half year's sup. girl in Sidon School, $22; for Sidon Building, $5,	27 00
Newtown Ch., Pa., Miss Ewing, $10; Band in S. S., $7.83; Miss Rittenhouse, $1,	18 83
Second Ch., Phila., "Star of the East Band," support Safeeya, Sidon, *gold*, $40; Lily, of Star of East Band, for Sidon Bdg., *silver*, 50 cts.,	40 50
Tarentum Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building,	13 00
Stone St. Ch., Watertown, N. Y., Aux. Soc., Sidon Bdg.,	15 00
Central Ch., Orange, N. J., Aux. Soc., part sup. Mrs. McGilvary, Siam.	117 95
Mrs. J. F. Ely, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sidon Building,	10 00
Boonton Ch., N. J., Cheerful Workers, Sidon Building,	30 00
Mrs. E. L. Dennis, Sidon Bdg.,	25 00
Springfield Ch., Mo., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building,	25 00
Walnut St. Ch., Phila., S. S., sup. pupil in Fem. Sem., Beirut, Syria.,	118 25
Lucy H. Neill, Phila., Sidon Building,	4 50
Cooperstown Ch., N. Y., Aux. Soc., sup. school in Syria,	$48 85
Prattsburg Ch., N. Y., S. S., sup. child in Syria,	50 00
Demos Ch., Ohio, Aux. Soc., Sidon Building,	15 00
Grand Haven Ch., Mich.. Miss. Band "Little by Little," to educate girl under Mrs. Doane, Ponape, Micronesia,	50 00
Salem Ch., Osage Co., Mo. (German), Aux. Soc.,	33 00
First Ch., Princeton, N. J., Annie Comfort Band, Sidon Building,	100 00
Marksboro' Ch., N. J., Aux. Soc., Cherokee Indian Miss..	12 00
First Ch., Orange, N. J., Aux. Soc., paid Miss Crouch on account of outfit,	50 00
First Ch., Newark, N. J., Aux. Soc., support Deir Mimas school, Syria. $60; Sidon Building, $31 25,	91 25
Saltsburg Ch., Pa., Sabbath-school, "Nancy Rhea Class," for Mrs. Bushnell's School,	20 00
Bellaire Ch., O., Aux. Soc.,	52 00
Lancaster Ch., Pa., Aux. Soc., sup. Bible-woman, Canton, China,	50 00
Elizabethport, N. J., Band "Cheerful Givers," for Gaboon Mission,	18 00
First Church, Newark, N. J., Stearns Memorial Band, and Young Ladies' Band, to sup. two pupils in Sidon, $95; Sidon Building, $235,	330 00
"H. A. and E. C. D.," West Chester, Pa., contents of two Mite boxes, for Sidon Bdg.,	10 76
From "S." Philadelphia, for girls' school and chapel, Mexico,	25 00
Englewood Church, N. J., Aux. Soc., Sidon Building,	393 99
Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis., S. S., to educate girl in Ningpo, China.	30 00
Spring Garden Church, Philadelphia, Cunningham Band, sup. Bible-reader in China,	25 00
Miss Hattie Noyes, Canton, China,	25 00
	$11,171 79

PHILADELPHIA, June 7th, 1873.

MRS. J. D. McCORD, *Treasurer*,
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SYRIA.

Extract of letter from MISS LORING.

BEIRUT, April 7th, 1873.

MY VERY DEAR E.: You will glance at this half sheet, and think "'Twas hardly worth sending," but I write only to tell you of my anticipated return to America! I hope it won't *shock* you as it did me to hear it. It came like a thunderbolt.

I knew I was fast running down in physical strength, and that, perhaps, if I remained here, I might lose my eyes, if not my life. So they send me home to save both. You have not the slightest conception of the bitterness of the disappointment; it will cast a cloud over my life. Really seeing my friends is going to be no manner of comfort to me; I'd rather not see them for fifteen years than go home now. But my Father knows best, and I am glad He allowed me to remain here over two years. I have tried to do something, and have gotten along nicely with the language.

I just began, two or three months ago, to feel that I could go out without an interpreter, and talk to these people (though brokenly) of their great want. I *have tried* to do for these girls, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed my work, so I can say, "Thy will be done." He is good to permit me to see anything of *fruit* in so short a time, in a foreign land too. I go home with far more tears than I shed when I

came away. Do pray for me, that I may be strong to bear, and be patient.

INDIA.

Mrs. Alexander writes to a friend belonging to the Eighth Church, Chicago:

MYNPURIE DISTRICT, Dec. 19th, 1872.

In your last letter to me you say your church wishes to support a Bible-woman in Mynpurie. I am happy to write you now that one of our native Christian women has just offered herself to me as such, and as I feel particularly interested in her I would like to place her on the staff with Rukrminé and Lucy (two women who are supported by a Bible-class, "Workers for Jesus," in the Old Pine Street Church, Philadelphia). This young woman, about 19 years of age, is the daughter of one of our Mynpurie catechists, and, before her marriage in 1870, was a scholar of mine, in the Christian girls' school in Mynpurie. She was a good scholar, bright and intelligent, and a Christian, having professed Christ in the beginning of 1869. Her name is *Dharm Ráni*, which means *Righteous Queen*. Now, would you like to take Dharm Ráni as yours? I offer her to you.

Home Work.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF AUXILIARY SOCIETIES AND BANDS FOR 1872.

IOWA.

Marion, Linn County.—The Woman's Missionary Society of Marion numbered eleven paying members the past year, whilst others cheered us often in our meetings with their presence and help. We met monthly until some time in the spring, then every week or every two weeks to sew. The amount realized during the year was $24.04, which will be

applied to the support of "Hika," our beneficiary in the Corisco Mission. There is a mission band in our church, calling themselves "Cheerful Givers," who expect to support a child in the Corisco Mission. MRS. L. B. COOK,
Secretary.

Independence.—At the opening of the present year the Independence Auxiliary Society consists of fifty-two members. The Society has been very successful in raising the amount pledged to aid in the support of Miss Pratt as missionary to India. MRS. J. F. COY,
Secretary.

Waterloo.—Our Society was organized on the 6th of August. We have thirty-seven members. I have succeeded in getting only fifteen names for *Woman's Work.* We have pledged $100 toward Miss Pratt's support, and now send $50 to be thus applied, and to constitute Mrs. E. A. Raymond and Mrs. H. M. Crittenden life members. We have had several very interesting letters from Miss Pratt. She is at "Dehra Doon," making good progress with her studies, and full of courage and hope for the future. She is in the girls' school, and feels that it is a most encouraging field, for the girls that go out from there will carry an influence with them that will continue for all time. I inclose the Treasurer's report also. MRS. GEO. ORDWAY,
Secretary.

Vinton.—Our Woman's Missionary Society numbers thirty-five members, including children. We meet quarterly for business, &c. We raised, during the year ending December, 1872, $100 for foreign missions. We have an infant mission band that have raised $7. Our Society assists in the support of Miss Jewett, in Persia, and Miss Pratt, in India. I hoped to be with you at your annual meeting, but cannot. Our prayers and best wishes are with you.

MRS. J. F. YOUNG,
Secretary.

Second Presbyterian Church, Dubuque.—On notice given from the pulpit, the ladies of the Second Church met March 17th, 1873, and organized an auxiliary to the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions. . . . . At a subsequent meeting, held pursuant to adjournment, the Treasurer reported that $81 had been collected. It was resolved that $50 be applied for the support of a Bible-reader in Persia (locality to be designated by the Chicago Board), and to constitute Mrs. L. A. Ostrander and Mrs. Myron H. Beach life members. The amount collected over $50, for the support of Miss Pratt from Waterloo, Iowa.

MRS. M. H. BEACH,
Secretary.

Clarence.—Our Society is small, and none are able to do much, yet what we do give is given cheerfully, and consecrated with prayer, and many of us feel a deep interest in the cause of Foreign Missions. We take several copies of *Woman's Work,* and have a missionary prayer meeting once a month. . . . . I will forward to the Treasurer $20, to be used towards the support of a pupil in Miss Jewett's school, in Tabreez. . . . . MRS. C. E. TREADWELL,
Secretary.

Marshalltown.—We were hoping to send a delegate to be present at the annual meeting, but shall not be able to do so. Our monthly missionary meetings have been well attended; the interest has been increased by receiving a box of relics from Miss Jewett, our missionary in Persia. The ladies have sent her a box, which will probably reach her next month. We held our annual meeting in July, since then have sent $25, making Mrs. Hanna a life member. The Sunday-school have sent $25, choosing Miss Helen Clark for their life member. We have another $25 nearly raised. Our hearts will be with you in your anticipated meeting. Our prayers will go up with yours that success may crown your efforts.

HELEN A. CLARK,
Secretary.

Kossuth.—The second annual report of the First Presbyterian Church is as follows:

Though the names upon our roll number fifty-five, our average attendance has been small, about a *dozen* comprising our effective working force. This is owing in a great measure to our being a farming community. The majority have quite a distance to come to the village where we hold our meetings.

We have worked under great discouragements, but are thankful we have been able to accomplish something.

We lay our offering, small though it be, at our Master's feet. Our work for the year may be summed up briefly as follows: For Woodstock $50; to support a boy in the mission school at Pekin, China, under Rev. D. C. McCoy, $30; to support a Chinese girl, $50; donation to Miss Bella Nassau, upon a visit from her to our Society, $10; making to the B. F. Missions $140.00. MRS. DANIEL MATSON,

Secretary.

Wheatland.—In looking over the record of our Society for the past year we feel somewhat encouraged from the fact that, although our numbers are less than formerly, yet there is a desire to increase rather than diminish our contributions. During the past year our Society numbered twenty-two members. We hope, this year, to get some new members, so as to be able to raise $50 towards Miss Jewett's salary. We have held our meetings on the first Friday of each month, with one exception.

We have recently organized a society from the older members of the Sabbath-school, called the "Young People's Missionary Society;" also one named "Little Helpers." Thus we hope to awaken a missionary spirit among the youth of our Sabbath-school. MRS. H. L. STANLEY,

Secretary.

First Church, Cedar Rapids.—In presenting our second annual report to the Parent Society, we are happy in being able to report a greater degree of interest in our various

projects of benevolence—a steady increase in membership and attendance upon the monthly meetings of the Society. Many of these gatherings have been seasons of peculiar interest, as we have listened to the reading of the letters from Persia of our dear missionary, Miss Jewett. Our sympathy in her sore bereavement, so soon after reaching her field of labor, led us to send her frequent words of love and cheer, and to pray earnestly for the sustaining grace of the comforting Saviour, and a more entire consecration to His work among the women of Persia. Her own pen has told us in tender earnest words how the prayers, mingled with many others all over our land and world, have been most graciously answered.

In August we were privileged in assisting Miss Pratt in her outfit for India, and are just in receipt of our first letter from that field.

We would express our appreciation of *Woman's Work for Woman*. About fifty copies have been taken by our Society the past year, and have added much to the growing interest in the cause of missions in our church and congregation.

The receipts for the year ending January 1st, 1873, were $540.85; of which, for famine in Persia $120; Miss Pratt $56; for the purchase of a horse for Miss Jewett, $80; sent Miss Jewett a box valued at $65; the remainder to the Parent Society, exceeding the receipts of the year 1871 by nearly $400.

The "Jewett Band," composed of ten or twelve young misses, commenced their second year in February last. They pledge themselves to contribute $60 annually, to be applied to the support of two pupils in Miss Jewett's school. They have already forwarded to your Board $80 to be hereafter appropriated to this object . . . Mrs. A. B. Hull,

Secretary.

Jewett Band, Cedar Rapids.—Dear Mrs. B.: As you were informed of the organization of the Society of "Cheerful Givers," we thought you would like to know something of our anniversary.

We met at the house of our President on the evening of January 27th; our parents and friends were invited. After the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the change of our name from "Cheerful Givers" to "Jewett Band," some time was spent in singing and reading of reports. We were then led in prayer by our pastor. The rest of the evening was spent in charades and plays. After simple refreshments we went to our homes very happy with the result of our first year's labor.

We report that, in looking over the past year, the first of our existence as a society, we can but feel glad and thankful —glad that we have been successful in this our first attempt to do good to others, and thankful to God for giving us kind friends to help us by their words of encouragement and by the prompt purchase of our articles offered for sale.

Our meetings have been held once in two weeks during the year. We have enjoyed them greatly, both the work and the play. We have been engaged in the making of fancy articles, and basting blocks for a quilt, which we hope will assist Miss Jewett in teaching her pupils to sew. We have had twenty-four members, six of these merely paying members, and five honorary members, while out of the sixteen active members, eight of these have only been here part of the year. We wish cordially to thank Mrs. W. who assisted us, and Mrs. E. who so kindly opened her home for our festival.

We have had some correspondence with Mrs. B. of Chicago, the "Little Gleaners" of Ypsilanti, and our dear Miss Jewett in Persia. We hope another year may find us busy in the same work, and that we may be able to accomplish a great deal of good. ANNIE S. DUTTON,

Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

Rochester.—I have to report that we have failed to raise the amount hoped for at the beginning of the year. Thirty-five dollars ($35) have been the most we have been able to collect. The coming year we will do what we can, but our population is very migratory. MRS. H. M. KELLOGG,

Secretary.

Minneapolis.—Our Society consists of thirty members, although there are only from five to ten real workers who attend the meetings regularly, and through whose faithfulness and perseverance, with the help of Him in whose name they labor, the Society has maintained an existence.

Seventy-five dollars ($75), the amount pledged for the support of Miss Downing, China, have been raised and forwarded. We have still a small sum in the treasury. The Society met February 2d and reorganized for the coming year.

I am happy to be able to report a mission band, lately organized in the Sabbath-school of the Westminster Church, under the name "Cheerful Givers," their object being to support a child.

Mrs. M. A. Oliphant,
Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

Nebraska City.—Our Society was reported as auxiliary to the Chicago Board in September last. We are few and feeble, working to great disadvantage, as the people here feel that we are on mission ground ourselves. Our church is in debt, and times are very hard here, but, when our first year was up, we found that we had $50 to send you for the support of a Bible-reader in China. I now inclose $12.50, the collection for the first quarter of our second year.

There is one band in our Sabbath-school called the "Mary Gregory."

We have twelve subscribers to *Woman's Work.* This magazine does more to rouse an interest in this glorious work than anything else. We prize it highly. . . .

Mrs. J. D. Kerr,
Secretary.

OHIO.

Dayton.—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, Dayton, was organized September 18th, 1871. Since then our collections have amounted to $680.

The money received from the Sabbath-schools is for the support of five scholars: two in Persia, two in India, and one in Africa. The remainder has been sent or is pledged to Foreign Missions.

E. Holt,
Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

For reports from auxiliary societies of Detroit and Three Rivers, see March number of *Woman's Work for Woman.*

Ionia.—During the past year we have held seventeen meetings, with an average attendance of six ladies. At these meetings we have wrought with our needles while listening to the reading of intelligence from our missions. Quite recently we have formed ourselves into a class for the actual study of missionary geography. We propose to learn the names of our missions, and of the stations in each, also the names of our missionaries, and of the ladies who are under the special care of our Woman's Board.

Ten copies of *Woman's Work for Woman* are taken.

Number of members, 18. Funds contributed, $24.75; Sunday-school Helpers, for the support of a girl in India, about $20; making a total of $44.75. LAURA A. MONTGOMERY,
Secretary

Ypsilanti.—Our monthly meetings have been continued without interruption, and have been rendered the more interesting by letters received from dear missionary sisters.

The social meetings of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle have been kept up with interest.

Our Treasurer reports $237 as the amount contributed by our Society. The mission circle has raised $256.68. Of these amounts $324.80 ($280 in gold) have been forwarded for the payment of Miss Dean's salary. Besides this we have sent $50 in gold for the purchase of a stove and other articles for her school. One of the pupils is supported by the "Little Gleaners." A young ladies' Bible-class, connected with our Sunday-school, have supported a girl in Mrs. Wilder's school at Kolapoor, making our entire work for foreign missions about $550.

About thirty-five copies of *Woman's Work for Woman* are taken by our Society.

The past year has been to us one of unusual privilege. Three of our number were permitted to attend your last

annual meeting, the influence of which we trust was not lost upon our Society at home. Soon after, we received a visit from Mrs. House, in whom our ladies were deeply interested.

The "missionary day" in the General Assembly last May, and the meeting of the ladies at that time, served to quicken the zeal of those of our number who were present. The visit of Dr. Ellinwood and of Rev. Mr. Calderwood followed, at which time one of our number, Miss Julia Bacon, offered herself to the work of foreign missions. She had been for many years a successful teacher, and had returned for a year of rest and to wait the development of Providence in regard to further work, some work to which she should devote the remainder of her life. Various things offered, but nothing that filled her mind and heart, or which she could make her life-work. The call from India came, and she cheerfully responded. Then followed weeks of busy preparation and the "farewell meeting," where tearful, loving adieus were spoken, and our prayers followed her across the ocean to her distant home.

And now comes a cheerful letter from Dehra Doon, telling of all the way in which the Lord has led her, but not yet of her work, whether it is to be at Dehra or at Woodstock. It is a great privilege to be represented in that far off land by one of our own number, and our affections will ever cluster around that band of missionaries who sailed October 2d, 1872, for their distant homes, carrying relief to our overburdened missionaries in the field, and light and gladness to our heathen sisters sitting in darkness and sorrow.

Very precious letters have been received from our own loved missionary, Miss Dean, and from Mrs. Wilder, telling us of their encouragements and discouragements, and bringing our hearts into very close sympathy with them in their work.

Our Synodical Foreign Missionary Convention in January was an occasion of deep and tender interest. The spirit of that meeting cannot be described. It was as if the Saviour himself stood in the midst and breathed on us, saying, "Receive

ye the Holy Ghost." Truly we sat "together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

The plan then proposed for organizing presbyterially and synodically, we hope, the Lord working with us, to carry into successful operation. We realize more and more that the work is His, and that without His aid we "labor in vain." We regret not being able to send a delegate to your annual meeting. We shall be with you in spirit. The first meeting of our Presbyterial Society is to be held in Ann Arbor, April 9th, in connection with the Presbytery. May the Lord attend your feast and ours. CARRIE S. WEED,

Secretary.

Saginaw City.—I think that the letters of our missionary, Mrs. Coan, cannot fail to give us a renewed interest in the mission work in the Persian field. At our meeting in June our ladies decided to take $80 from our treasury, and send it to Mrs. Coan for her use to aid the famine sufferers in Oroomiah and vicinity. A collection was also taken in the church, amounting to $80, and added to it, making $160. This, with our missionary's salary, makes $449 sent to the Persian Mission. We hope soon to be able to support a Bible-reader.

MRS. W. L. GREENE,

Secretary.

Ann Arbor.—It is over a year since we sent our first small contribution to your Treasurer. The circumstances of our church have been such as to lay rather heavy burdens on all its members, so that our little missionary society has struggled along under many discouragements. The convention at Ypsilanti, however, has aroused a missionary spirit in many hearts, which, I trust, will not slumber again. Our last two monthly meetings were seasons of interest, and the last one of earnest prayer for the coming anniversary of your Board.

We have a membership of thirty, who pay monthly. Receipts for the past year were $74. Of this, $18 were given

to aid the Young Ladies' Society in fulfilling their pledge to sustain a girl in Mrs. Doolittle's school.

Inclosed find check for $56, of which $25 are from Mrs. Louisa Sackett, to constitute her a life member. There are some of us who would gladly give more, but can only pray that God will bless us in proportion to *His* ability, and not our property. It is His own work, and must succeed.

MRS. S. W. HUNT,
Secretary

Ann Arbor "Praying Mission Band."—Our Society was organized March 4th, 1871. The meetings are held monthly. We have a membership of twenty-five or thirty, and pay a fee of five cents a week. During the summer of 1871 we prepared some quilts, and sent them, in a box the ladies of Ypsilanti had prepared, to Miss Dean. We then decided to take a native girl and educate her, and Mrs. Doolittle was instructed to find one for us. $57 was the amount necessary to send for one year's schooling. As we did not possess that amount, we voted to ask the Ladies' Missionary Society to aid us in making up the required sum. They gave us $17. We shall endeavor to have our money ready to send by the time the year is up, and with our prayers and efforts do all we can for Jesus, that it may be said of each, "She hath done what she could." JESSIE A. WOODRUFF,
Secretary.

Bay City.—There have been held during the year eleven sessions of earnest workers, whose hearts have been filled with a sense of the importance of the labors in which they have been engaged. The membership is sixty-eight. The collections, $124.60, have been appropriated to the support of pupils in the Female Seminary at Oroomiah. Mrs. J. W. McMath has been constituted a life member of the Woman's Board.

Twenty-six copies of *Woman's Work* have been taken, and read with interest and profit.

Of the membership, one, Miss Ella Taylor, has been taken to the happier scenes of the heavenly communion. Although prevented by frail health from actively engaging in the work of the Society, her interest and warm sympathy were ever ready, and it may truly be said of her, "She hath done what she could." MRS. GEO. W. HOTCHKISS,

Secretary.

INDIANA.

Valparaiso.—During the year eleven regular and three extra meetings have been held. Number of names on the roll, forty-one; an increase of nearly one-half since last year. Subscribers to *Woman's Work for Woman*, eleven. In August we determined to devote ourselves as a society to the foreign work alone. When the call was made for Woodstock our treasury was empty; but our President determined to do something by direct personal effort. In less than a week $125 had been collected. The hearts of mothers were touched, and not one refused. Many made sacrifices that they might enjoy the luxury of giving. This money was also used to constitute our pastor and four others life members of the Board. There is still in the treasury, $20 unappropriated, making a total of $145 as the result of the year's labor. Miss Loring, now a teacher in the Seminary at Beirut, Syria, was for several years connected with our Sunday-school. Through her influence we have for two years supported a Maronite girl in the Seminary. The Sunday-school having pledged its funds to this object, it is deemed inexpedient to form mission bands at present. In the church, as well as the society, there is increasing interest in mission work, and we hope to see every woman whose name is on the church roll actively engaged in spreading the Gospel. By the opening of doors hitherto closed to woman, God is saying, "This is the way." May He give us grace to "walk therein." When the Master ascended, doubtless the little sorrowing group, "gazing steadfastly up toward heaven," thought he was leaving the work unfinished, but to them, and through them, to every devoted

heart was said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Let us take up this work so cheerfully, so earnestly, and with such trusting faith, that in our inmost heart we may hear the sweet assuring words, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

MRS. A. V. BARTHOLOMEW,
Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Quincy.—We were organized in June, 1871, under the inspiration of a most interesting address from Mrs. Rhea, formerly missionary to Persia. We adopted a constitution, and have held regular monthly meetings ever since. At our first annual meeting we had grown from seven to seventy members. We have adopted the card system, or monthly contribution plan of giving. Our Treasurer's report showed $175 sent to the general fund for the establishment of the Tabreez Mission, Persia. Since June, 1872, we have sent to Chicago $190. We have a flourishing mission band in connection with our Society. A society has also been newly formed at Rushville, which hopes to co-operate with us. Of *Woman's Work for Woman* the Society takes ten copies, several of the members taking it, each for herself, besides.

MRS. B. BURROUGHS,
Secretary.

TO CONTRIBUTORS.

If all persons, copying letters for this Magazine, would write on *one side* of the paper *only*, the material would be ready for the press.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

MICHIGAN.

Saline, Miss M. Louisa Cobb, Sec.
Mt. Clemens, Miss Mary E. Forster, Sec.
Milford, Miss M. C. Peters, Sec.
Northville, Miss Alice Beal, Sec.
Stony Creek, Miss Anna Gardner, Sec.

ILLINOIS.

Springfield Mission Band.

Report of Mrs. C. H. McCormick, Treasurer of Woman's Pres. Board of Missions, Chicago, April 10, 1873.

Ill.—2d Ch., Chicago, by Mrs. T. Gould, to constitute self L. M.,	$25 00
Iowa.—W. M. S., Independence, for Miss Mary E. Pratt,	75 00
Iowa.—W. M. S., Marion, with $20, paid in April, for salary of Hika, Corisco, Africa,	16 00
Ohio.—W. M. S., Marysville, $10; Miss M. E. Pierce, for Woodstock, $5,	15 00
Ill.—W. M. S., Galesburg, for Mrs. Doolittle, China, to complete L. M. Mrs. C. Leavenworth.	20 00
Wis.—Mrs. William Drummond, Stone Bank,	50
Ill.—Mrs. E. J. Brown, Springfield, for Woodstock.	4 50
Ind.—W. M. S., of Salem,	5 00
Iowa.—Ackley Aux. Soc. of Waterloo, for Miss Pratt,	10 50
Ill.—W. M. S., Westminster Ch., Rockford, for Woodstock, and to cons. Mrs. Curtis L. M.,	37 10
Iowa.—Working Band, Marion, for support of Ngapimba, at Olonga, under Mrs. De Heer,	20 00
Mich.—Ypsilanti, Little Gleaners, by Anna Tyndall, for Serra, Miss Dean's school,	6 00
Ill.—Rushville, by Miss Nettie McCreary,	11 75
Ill.—Hyde Park, Busy Gleaners, Mrs. S. P. Farrington's Class, sup. of Miss Downing,	75 00
Ill.—W. M. S., Evanston, by Mrs. Byron Rice, L. M., for Sidon Sun Fund,	25 00
Minn.—W. M. S., Mankato,	47 88
Minn.—W. M. S., Red Wing, for Miss Downing, to cons. Mrs. P. Sprague L. M.,	21 00
Ill.—W. M. S., Galena,	23 00
Ill.—Mrs. R. H. Kellogg, Guthrie,	1 25
Ill.—S. S., Treasure Seekers,	50 00
Ohio.—W. M. S., Middleport,	14 00
Ill.—W. M. S., Waukegan, for Seminary building at Sidon, under Mrs. H. M. Eddy, constituting Mrs. W. C. Barker and Mrs. M. S. Wheldon L. MS.	$50 00
Ill.—W. M. S., Lake Forest, $25 by Mrs. S. B. Williams, to cons. herself L. M.,	38 00
Ill.—W. M. S., 1st Ch., Chicago,	126 10
Mich.—W. M. S, Ann Arbor, $25, to cons. Mrs. Louisa Sackett L. M.,	56 00
Mich.—W. M. S., Ypsilanti,	49 80
Iowa.—W. M. S., Clarence, for pupil in Miss Jewett's school,	20 00
Ill.—W. M. S., 3d Pres. Ch., Chicago, Mrs. Kelso's salary,	150 00
Ill.—W. M. S., Peoria,	58 00
Ill.—Mrs. Anna M. Fish, Du Quoin, towards L M for self,	5 00
Iowa.—W. M. S., Pisgah Ch., Union Ridge, for Miss Pratt,	10 00
Neb.—W. M. S., Nebraska City, Bible reader, China.	12 50
Iowa.—W. M. S., Vinton, sup. of Miss Pratt,	50 00
Mich.—W. M. S., Saginaw, $37.50, last year's salary Mrs. Coan; 1st quar. salary, 1873, $72.19,	109 69
Ind.—W. M. S., Lafayette, 1st Pres. Ch., for Sidon school,	50 00
Ill.—Miss Grace Laflin's Sab. sch. class, Woodstock,	5 60
Ill.—W. M. S., Peoria,	12 30
Iowa.—W. M. S., Waterloo, Miss Pratt's salary,	50 00
Ill.—Earnest Workers, Rockford,	3 00
Ill.—W. M. S., 1st Ch, Chicago, of which $25 by Mrs. Matt. Laflin, to cons. self L. M.,	137 15
	$1,506 62
Less stationery, &c.,	12 25
	$1,494 37

Our Little Workers.

THE first native lady who had her photograph taken in the city of Calcutta was the one you see here. And how came she to allow her face to be seen at the photographer's office so as to have this picture taken? We will tell you. The missionary ladies went to her house, and taught her about Jesus, and she learned to love Him. Her husband, too, read the Bible, and became a Christian. When their friends knew of this, they were very angry and would have nothing more to do with them. But these Christians would not go back to their idols again. They knew that God had forbidden

them to worship idols. They knew, too, that it was not necessary for a lady to spend all her life in the house without ever seeing the green fields and the many other beautiful things God had made. Now, they go about like any other Christian family; this lady attends church, and her dear little children go to Sabbath-school as regularly as you do.

SUBARNEE.

The dear child whose name stands at the head of this article is a Cretin, with a large goitre, spindling legs and arms, and a sort of vacant, far-away look upon her quiet face. And yet she loves to come to school. Very slowly, with a shuffling step, she comes and takes her place among the children. Her memory is not sufficient to commit a single verse, and her speech is so defective that there are many words she cannot pronounce. She is able now, however, to read short simple sentences, in a broken way, it is true. She loves to try to join in singing hymns, and we judge from the expression of quiet happiness upon her face, that she is making melody in her heart. It seems as if her very feebleness was being used to preserve her from the evil that is in the world. The children are often quarrelsome, and use abusive language to each other; but dear Subarnee never gets into any of these troubles. They all love her, though she never joins in their plays. While they are enjoying their romp at recess, she will sit apart, sometimes watching them, and at others gazing away off, as if her thoughts were fixed on something distant. Her teachers cherish the sweet hope that the Spirit of God has taken up His abode in her heart, and that she will be kept by His almighty power. How delightful it will be to hear her sing the praise of Jesus when the string of her tongue shall be unloosed, and her weak mind strengthened, to know something of the breadth and length and depth and height of that love which passeth knowledge.

M. R. J.

Sabathu, North India.

LITTLE GIRL IN MEXICO.

Miss Allen, one of our missionary ladies in the city of Mexico, writes about one of her little pupils in whom you will be interested:

"There is a yellow-brown little chick who is a constant diversion. She is about as capable of study as a titmouse. Her small head is constantly bobbing about, and her bright black eyes are seeking for amusement. She hops off from her chair every two minutes to ask a question, and nestles up to her teacher to assure her that she has learned the table on the blackboard. But she has scarcely seen it, although she has said mechanically once or twice in her musical Spanish, '5 and 1 are 6.' She varies the said laborious exercise by a half yawn that she covers with both hands, or by a quick pinch at her nose with the remnant of a former garment that does duty as a handkerchief. Besides, the arrangement of her *rebosa* (a scarf worn over the head) is a constant resource; when called to her class she flies off her seat, with its two ends sailing out behind like a pair of torn and soiled wings. She wraps it closely around her, and jerks her head emphatically at the board, as she begins again, '5 and 1 are 6.'

"Seated on her low chair she curls one foot under her. At this moment the bare, brown toes are peeping out from under her ragged little skirt, while their owner is studiously examining the hanging lamp in place of the spelling-book, her mouth open, showing all the white, but ragged, little teeth. If she laughs, it is the merriest and softest of gurgling sounds.

"She is a comical, clinging little creature, as bright as need be. She belongs to a numerous family that have for a home but a single room paved with stone. An open court, where are gathered all the rough children of the place, is her playground. What will be the future of Matilda? Ay, and many such as she?"

A GRANDMOTHERS' TEA PARTY.

BY K. M. L.

From a letter lately received, written by a former missionary at the Sandwich Islands, we copy an account of a tea party given and prepared by one member of what is called there "The Cousinhood." This is an organization of which none can be members but the children and grandchildren of those who were formerly missionaries at these islands. They pay a small sum of money annually, which they devote to some good object; call each other *cousin;* are closely united in the bond of love, and keep up a correspondence when separated from each other.

"Never was there a more unique, interesting, or beautiful gathering as that which filled the parlors of our dear cousin L—— D—— on the afternoon of ——. This dear cousin originated and carried out the plan of a Grandmothers' Tea Party in honor of the day on which her own grandmother attained the age of ninety years. The parlors were beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers. A wedding bonnet of such dimensions as would make nearly a dozen of our modern ones was on exhibition, and when the dear old lady put it on and *curtsied* in the olden style, first to Mrs. J——, and then to each lady in the room, the younger ones were entertained, and the older ones reminded of their young days.

"But the tea-room, with three tables, beautifully set out and bountifully furnished, presented the charming scene of the afternoon, when around the venerable lady, to whom all did honor, were gathered the *twenty-eight* grandmothers and some others present. At the head of the central table sat Mrs. J——, having on her right hand *two* of the original 'Thaddeus' company of missionaries (the vessel that carried the first company of missionaries sent out to the Sandwich Islands), and on her left the lady honored of all as the mother of the girls' boarding-school in Hawaii, now herself *called* grandmother by the child of an adopted daughter. All were happy and did honor to the hospitable feast. Mrs.

J—— ate her jelly from a glass two hundred years old. The *cousins*, with badges of fern on their shoulders, were privileged to wait on this beloved company."

A few words now for the *grandmother* who sat on Mrs. J.'s left hand. Miss M—— O—— was one of the company that went out in 1828 to reinforce the missions established by the "American Board" at the Sandwich Islands. Through her patience and untiring efforts, hundreds of the poor Hawaiians were taught to read, and prepared for the higher classes. In addition to this she had all the domestic training of the girls, the keeping a house, the sewing, the washing, the cooking; thus preparing them to become good wives and mothers. And so she went on, year after year, for nearly forty years.

When the Board relinquished its work in the Islands each missionary family was allowed to keep the house in which they resided. Miss O.'s house was a small frame one which in the early days of missionary labor had been sent out from Boston: this she fitted up and furnished so that she might accommodate her family of nearly a dozen adopted children.

These she instructed in the things that belong to another life, as well as to this, and nearly all of them became Christians and useful women. What a work has been accomplished by this one single woman, and what a record is hers! But though no longer a *missionary*, she is doing mission work. In her last letter she says, "You must not think I am idle; I cannot do much in my *eighty-first year*, but I am a self-constituted tract distributor. You might see me any day with my basket of tracts, giving one here and there, or sitting in some shanty reading to some poor native, or holding a prayer meeting in the Queen's Hospital, trying to do something for my Master." Then she tells of a wonder, and says, "*We* also have a *Woman's Board* to prepare women for the Micronesian Mission." To think that this flame of love which has moved our hearts should have sprung up in the hearts of those converted Hawaiian women, and make them willing to leave their island homes to teach the knowledge of a crucified Jesus!

THE BOYS' PRAYER-MEETING.

Many of our readers will remember the account of the Boys' Prayer-meeting of Honesdale, Pa., and their gift to missions, which was published in *Woman's Work* last year. The following is part of a letter from one of the boys:

"Our meeting was organized a little more than two years ago. The average attendance is sixteen. There are ten or twelve of our number who hope they have given their hearts to Jesus, and are trying to live a life of prayer. We meet on Tuesday evening of each week, at the home of one of the boys, and in our turn take direction of the meeting. Our ages are from ten or twelve to seventeen; there are only three or four as old as seventeen.

"You wish to know how we get the money we contribute. In many instances the boys receive spending money from their parents, and contribute from that. I know of one boy whose father pays him for splitting kindling-wood and trimming bank-bills; another receives so much for taking care of a school-room. Some have been employed in various ways during the summer, and have received pay. I have had the care of a bank, and am paid for doing without tea and coffee. Not but that I am willing to do without it, but I expect my parents know that I would like to have some money, and they would like to have me feel as if I earned it. We have a box standing on the table in the room where we meet, and we drop into it just what we feel inclined to give each time.

"May I now ask that you will pray for us who hope we love Jesus? We find it very hard always to do right, and to be every day just what we profess to be; and please pray for those of our number who meet with us every week, and yet don't feel that they love the blessed Saviour; many of them offer prayer, and yet say that they do not feel that they have given their hearts to the Saviour.

"I think we feel much more interested in the missionary work since we received your kind letters. Our feeble prayers are offered, whenever we meet, for the work in which you are interested."

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